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understand that Game and Parks now is probably about two-thirds to three-fourths funded by fees. There's not a lot of General Funds going to Game and Parks anymore. And of the last two budget years the way they've been, there's been some cuts. So if you have any idea how we can maintain the parks and maintain the revenue without increasing fees, I'm certainly open to that, Senator Chambers. But we have a dilemma here and I would try to work with you on a compromise here, but the revenue is needed. And they already have the authority to go to \$20 for an annual fee. The trouble is, if they raise the annual fee higher, why, then people will quit buying the annual fee and just buy the daily fee. And so that gets to be their dilemma also. I thank Senator Stuhr for bringing this bill to us. It's brought to us by the Game and Parks Commission. It's been approved and reviewed by all the commissioners and the staff at Game and Parks, and there's general consensus on this needing to take place, so.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. (Visitor introduced.) On with discussion, Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. President and members of the body, this request from the Game and Parks to raise...I'm talking about park fees. I'm not talking about the hunting at the present time. But over the past few years, serving on Appropriations, we have cut back on their appropriations drastically. They have had to cut back as far as the maintenance, a lot of the maintenance on some of the different parks across the state of Nebraska. If any of you have ever traveled to a park, ever used those facilities, you would certainly appreciate what Game and Parks has done over the years. It's a great place to take your family, and even without a family, it's a great place to go by yourselves. They've done a great job in our state of Nebraska, and it's brought in a lot of tourist dollars, too. And so I believe that these last few years their fee that they charge is totally inadequate. When you compare to the states around us, Colorado charges \$55 per person as far as the park permit, and \$3 to \$7 per person when you visit the park. In Nebraska, it's \$17 presently per vehicle for an annual permit, and \$3 per vehicle for a permit to utilize the park facilities for a day. So we've been...Colorado; then you've got Wyoming,